

***IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE***

Applicant: Michael Whittaker

Title: METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR  
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY  
ACTIVE NATRIURETIC  
PEPTIDES AND FOR  
IMPROVING THEIR  
THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD  
OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner in the Final Office Action dated October 26, 2006, finally rejecting Claims 29-33 and 43-46.

[ ] Applicant claims small entity status.

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[ X ] Notice of Appeal Fee

[ X ] To be paid as detailed below

[ ] Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal)

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[ X ]	Notice of Appeal Fee	\$500.00
[ X ]	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$120.00
[ ]	Extension:	\$0.00
	FEE TOTAL:	\$620.00
[ ]	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):	\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:	\$620.00

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Respectfully submitted,

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